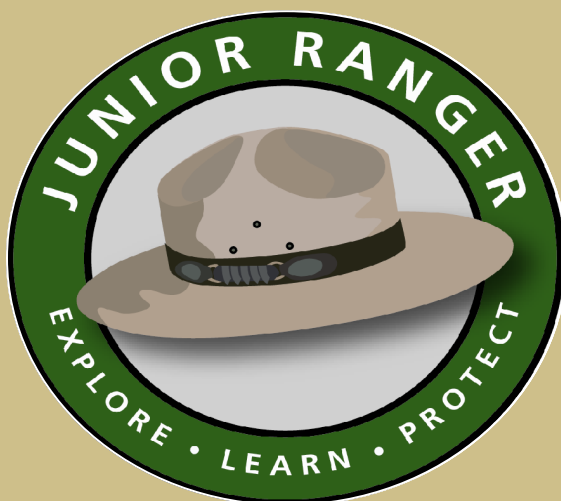


Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park



Junior Ranger Activity Book #3 The Wilderness



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Check off the activities as you finish them:

Section 1 ~ Ellwood

- ☐ Ellwood Tour
- ☐ Virtual Ellwood
- ☐ Scavenger Hunt
- ☐ Grounds & Cemetery
- ☐ Herbs & Trees

Section 2 ~ Battlefield

- ☐ Exhibit Shelter
- ☐ Saunders Field
- ☐ Tapp Field
- ☐ Dark Close Wood

Thanks for choosing to become a Junior Ranger!

After completing the required activities, you can become a Junior Ranger and earn a Junior Ranger patch!

How to become a Junior Ranger:

Step 1: If Ellwood is OPEN today, go to the next page.
If Ellwood is CLOSED, go to page 6 and begin with Section 2.

Step 2: Complete all the required activities.

Step 3: When you are finished, bring this book to a Visitor Center, or the Wilderness Battlefield Exhibit Shelter, or to Ellwood and have a Park Ranger or volunteer check your work.

Step 4: Receive your Junior Ranger patch!
Congratulations!



Helpful Hints:

Go on a guided tour - you can get lots of answers!

If you have questions, ask a Park Ranger or volunteer.

There are also Junior Ranger programs at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Spotsylvania!

Junior Rangers know it is important to preserve the battlefields for people today and in the future. You can help us take care of this important place by promising to:

Stay on trails and only cross earthworks by using bridges.

Be a good example and act in a safe and courteous manner.

Honor the memory of the men who fought here by treating the battlefields with respect and **not** playing ball, flying kites, or riding skateboards in the park.

Enjoy the park and leave it in a better condition than you found it.

Enjoy learning about Civil War history and share what you have learned with others.



Ellwood



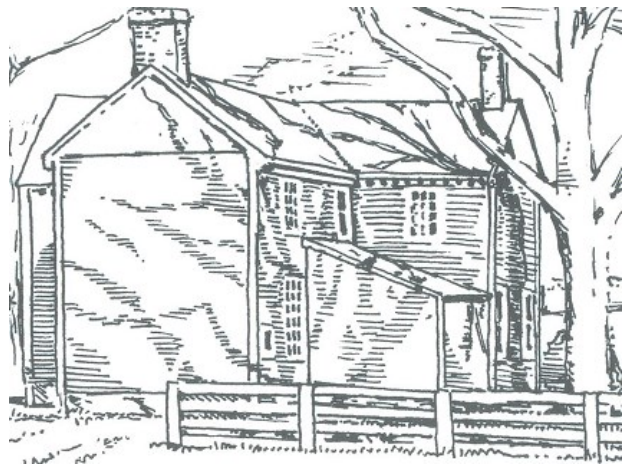
If Ellwood Manor is open (usually April through October), it should be the first place you visit to complete the Junior Ranger booklet. Upon arriving at Ellwood, you will meet a guide who will tell you some things about the place. Listen carefully and you will find out the answers to the questions below (but don't be afraid to ask questions if you do not know the answers!)

1. J. Horace Lacy owned Ellwood at the time of the Civil War. **True or False**
2. Ellwood was used as a hospital for the Confederate Army during the battle. **True or False**
3. The Union Army used Ellwood as a headquarters during the battle. **True or False**
4. The Battle of the Wilderness was the first fight between General Lee and General Grant.
True or False
5. Slaves worked in the fields at Ellwood. **True or False**
6. Ellwood is the only building still standing from the Battle of the Wilderness. **True or False**
7. The Lacys moved out of Ellwood during the Civil War.. **True or False**
8. The Lacys also owned the Chatham House in Fredericksburg. **True or False**
9. Only two families have owned Ellwood over the years. **True or False**
10. Which famous Frenchman visited Ellwood in 1825? _____

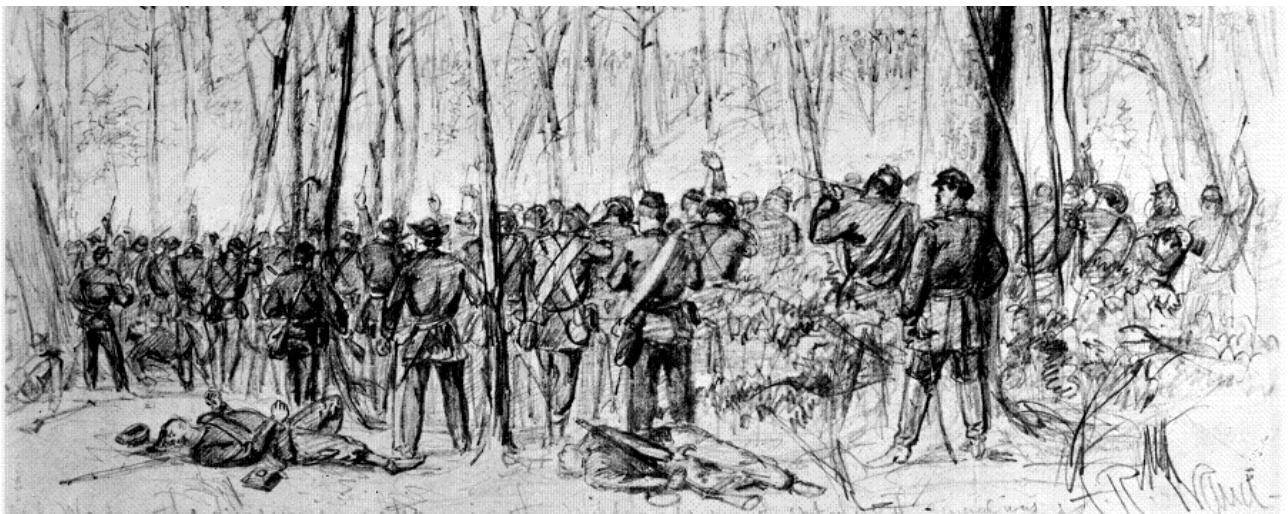
Virtual Ellwood

Go to the computer station at the wooden desk in Ellwood and select the “Virtual Ellwood” program. As you watch the program about how Ellwood looked in 1860, do the activities below:

1. Name some of the other buildings that would have been at Ellwood.
2. What do you think all of these buildings were used for?
3. In the space next to Ellwood below, draw where the slave cabins would have been.



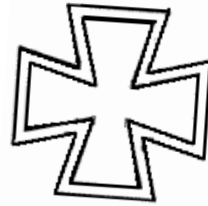
On the same computer, go back to the main menu and select the “Command Center” program. Choose at least three locations and listen to the park ranger talk about some of the decisions made during the Battle of the Wilderness. Pick the choices you would have made in each situation and compare them to what actually happened.



Scavenger Hunt

Find the following items inside Ellwood (if you need help, ask a guide)

A log with cannonballs in it



Permelia

J.H.L.'s fork

A pink flag

Ask a guide to see the Discovery Box and look inside for the haversack.

List some of the things a soldier would carry in his haversack.

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| 1. | 5. |
| 2. | 6. |
| 3. | 7. |
| 4. | 8. |

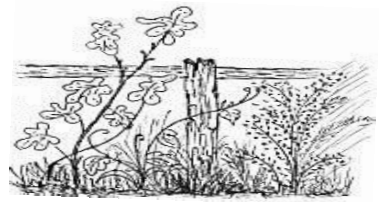
If you were a soldier, what else would you take with you?

Draw the item that would be most important to you.

Why do you feel this item is so important?



Grounds and Cemetery



Walk around the grounds of Ellwood and read the signs to answer the questions below:

1. Name three crops that were grown in the fields around Ellwood.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

2. Ellwood was used as headquarters by General _____ during the Battle of the Wilderness.

3. Name four things that would have been found at Ellwood when it was used as a headquarters.

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

4. Look for the flag on the porch of Ellwood. This flag marked the location of General Warren's headquarters. Why do you think it was important for generals to have their own special flags?

Follow the path that leads to the cemetery.

Read the sign there to help you answer the questions below.

1. Whose arm is buried in the cemetery? _____

2. Why was the arm amputated (cut off)? _____

3. During which battle was the arm brought here? _____

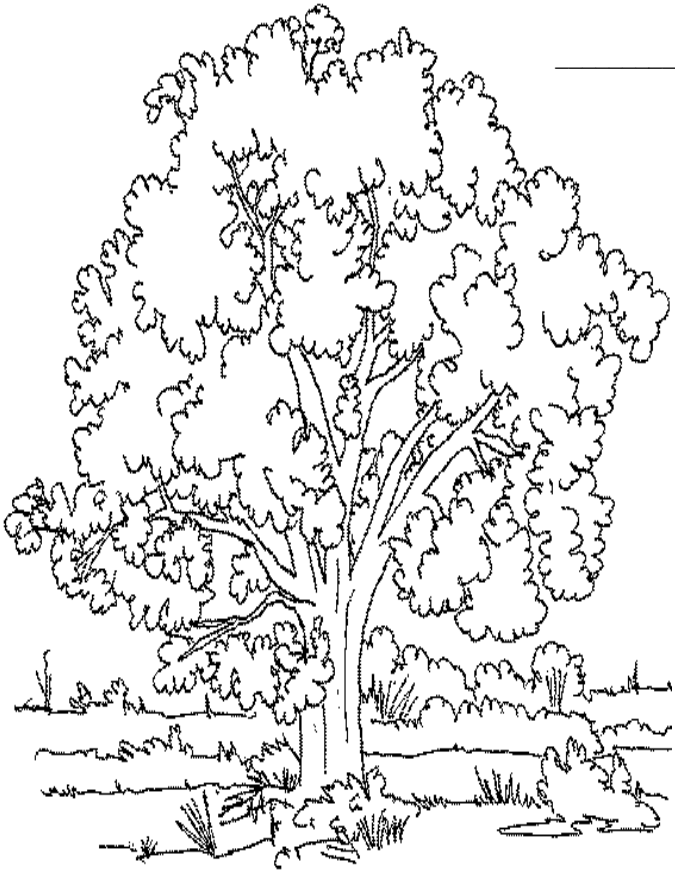
4. Why do you think there is a monument for the arm here today? _____

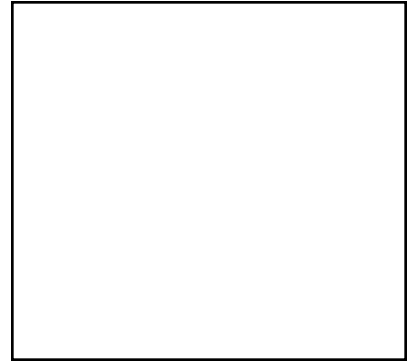
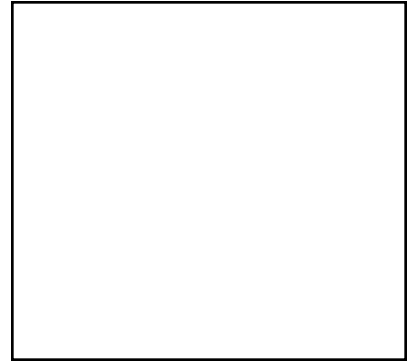
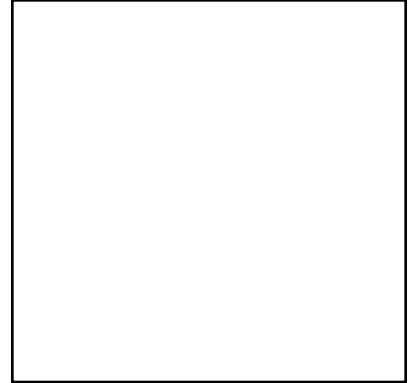
5. Members of the Jones family are also buried in this cemetery, but none of their graves are marked today. Why do you think that is? _____

Herbs and Trees



Around Ellwood there are several trees with nametags on their trunks.
Find three of these trees and write their names below.
Draw a leaf from each tree in the boxes next to their names.





Along the path that leads to the cemetery there is an herb garden.
Herbs were grown to add flavor to food and were also used for medicines.

Find three herbs used for **cooking**
and write their names below.

Find three herbs used for **medicine**
and write their names below.



Section 2 - Wilderness Battlefield

Go to the Exhibit Shelter at Stop #2.

Read the panels and answer the questions below.

Who was put in command of
all the Union armies in 1864? _____

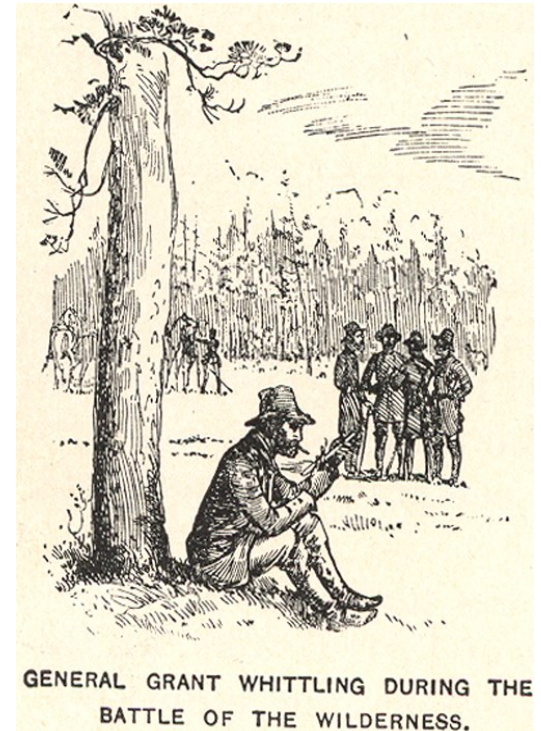
How many soldiers did the
Union army have at this battle? _____

How many soldiers did the
Confederate army have at this battle? _____

What days were the Battle of the Wilderness fought?

May ___ & ___, 186 ___

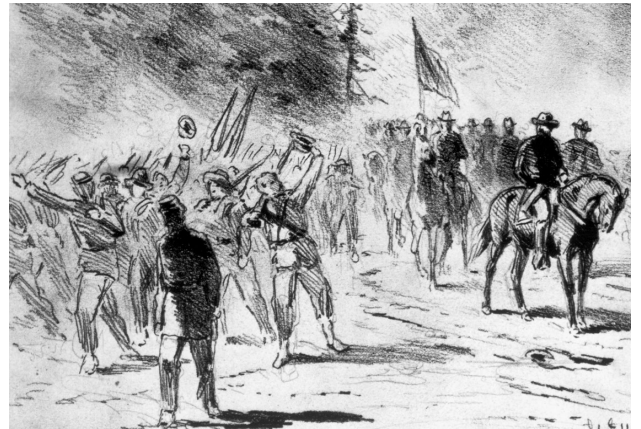
Why do you think General Grant was whittling? ➡➡➡



Look at the large painting.

Find the following things and check them off:

- ☐ Orange Turnpike
- ☐ Orange Plank Road
- ☐ Saunders Field (*where you are now*)
- ☐ Tapp Field
- ☐ Ellwood
- ☐ Brock Road & Plank Road intersection



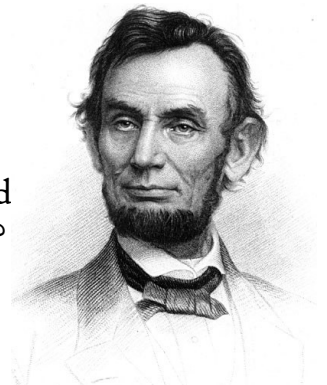
After two days of fighting, the Battle of the Wilderness ended as a tie.

But the Union army marched south to fight the Confederates some more.

When the Union soldiers realized this, they cheered!

Why do you think they were glad to know they would be fighting more battles?

When President Abraham Lincoln heard about the Union army heading south and not giving up, he was so happy that he *kissed* the man who told him. Why do you think President Lincoln was so glad to hear this news?



Saunders Field

There is a rubber mulch path that starts at the Exhibit Shelter and leads to a ridge. Follow this path (part of the Gordon Flank Attack Trail) to the edge of the woods and read the signs along the way. Stop at the woods and then return to the shelter.

Below is a drawing that shows what this field looked like during the battle. How would you feel about marching across here?

In the drawing, can you find the Confederates? The road? Zouaves?



You may have noticed Union soldiers wearing a different type of uniform. These soldiers were called **zouaves**. Why do you think they wore this style of uniform?

Would you choose to wear this kind of uniform?



Tapp Field

Go to Stop #6 on the battlefield. Walk the trails and read the signs about what happened there. Be sure to read the signs near the cannon.

While you are doing this, think about and answer the questions below.

Why was General Lee worried on the morning of May 6th?

Why do you think General Lee tried to personally lead his soldiers into this battle?

Why did the Confederate soldiers want General Lee to go back?

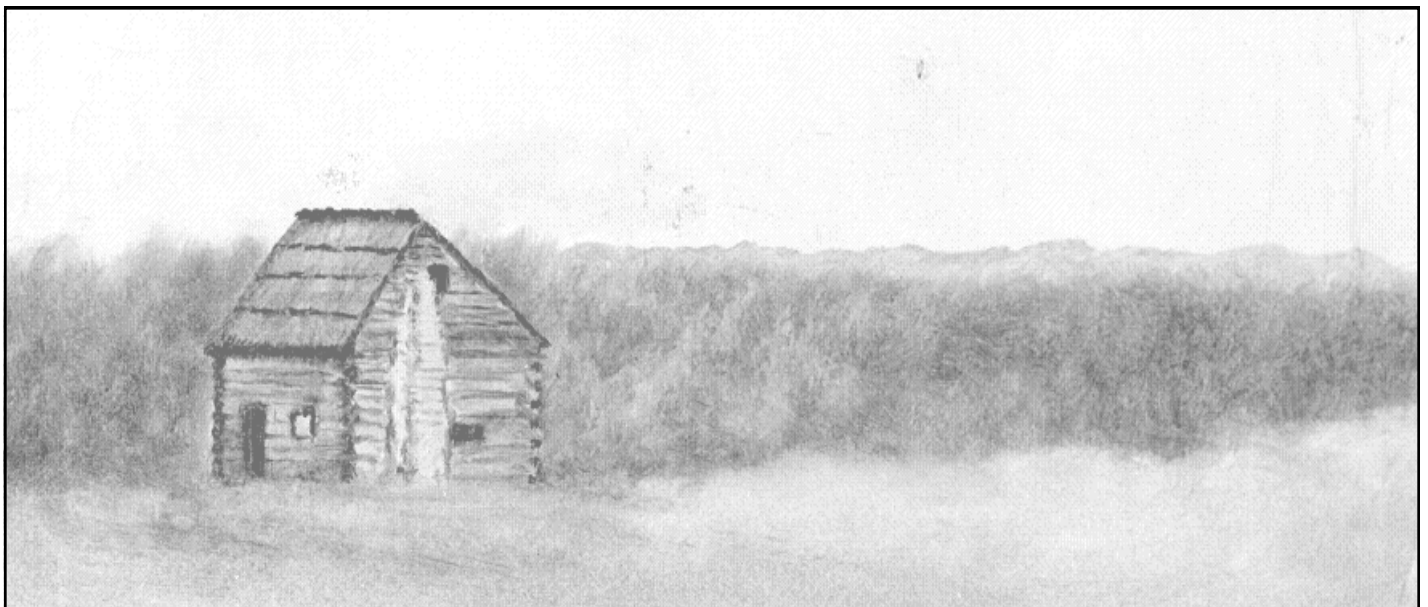
What state were these soldiers from?

What would you have done if you were General Lee?



Below is a drawing of this field made by a soldier after the war. As you can see, the field was quiet and peaceful, much as it is today. Add to this picture and draw what you think it would have looked like on May 6, 1864.

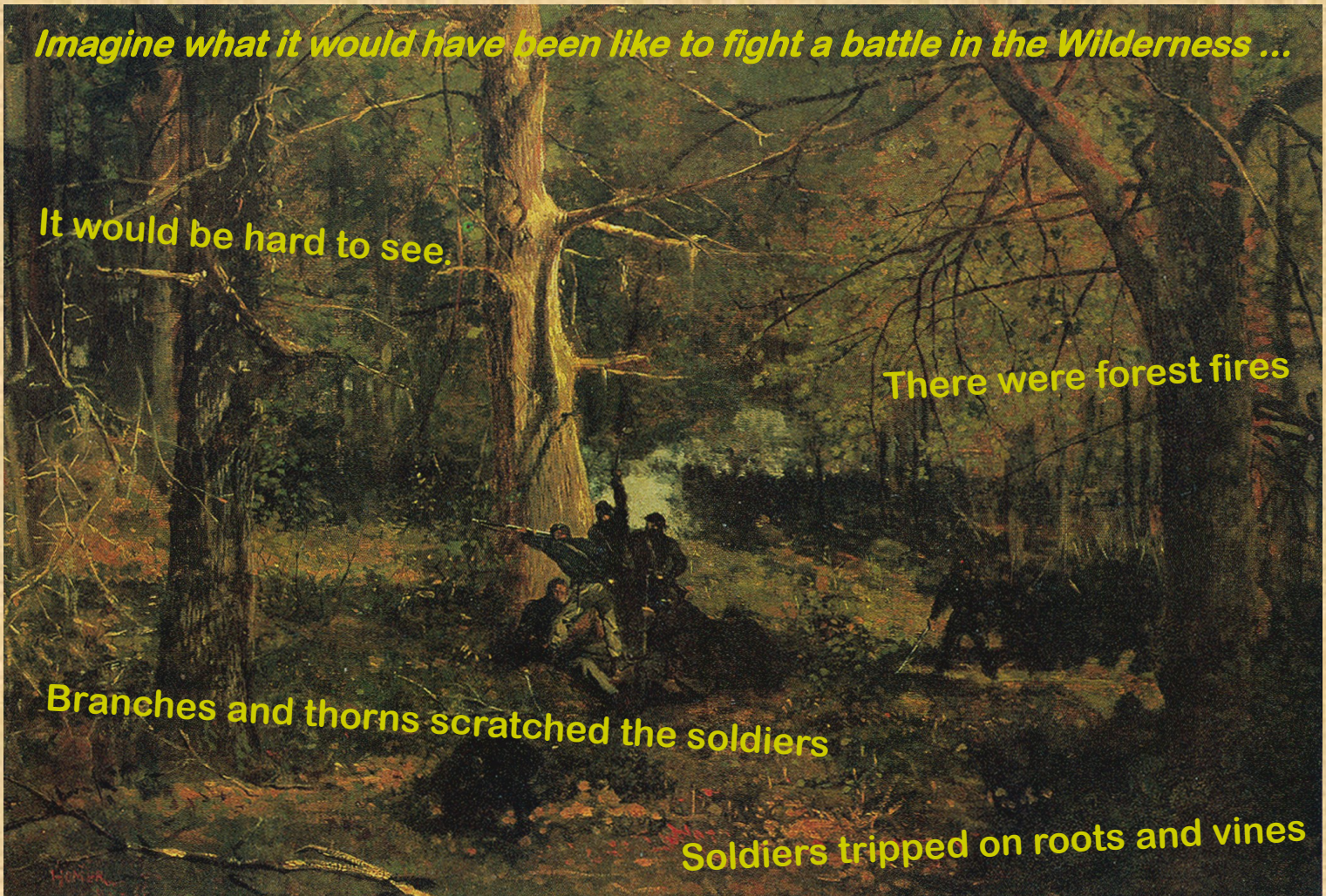
(You may want to include soldiers, cannons, flags or General Lee)



The Dark, Close Wood



At Stop #8 there is a short trail that loops through the woods. Take this trail and read the signs along the way. While you are doing this, think about the things below.



How did the thick woods affect the battle that was fought here?

Find and read the sign halfway through the trail entitled, “Echoes Homeward.”

How did the Battle of the Wilderness affect people throughout America?

Why do you think it is important that we preserve places like this today?

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